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Harry Seraydarian, Director  
Toxics & Waste Management Division  
U.S. EPA, Region IX  
215 Fremont Street  
San Francisco, California 94105

Dear Mr. ~~Seraydarian~~: *Harry*

Thank you for sharing the Hazard Ranking draft of the Phelps-Dodge Morenci Facility with ADHS. I have asked technical staff involved with our evaluation of that facility to provide comments for your use. Those comments are attached.

The status of any settlement of the state suit with Phelps-Dodge is at present uncertain. Current points of negotiation with the company address both surface water and groundwater pollution emanating from tailings and overburden deposits in the Chase Creek and Gold Gulch watersheds.

Although your draft Hazard Ranking addresses only the surface water pollution, my intent is that any settlement arrived at by the state will include commitments from Phelps-Dodge to prevent further surface water quality standards violations, as well as any possible groundwater quality contamination from the Facility.

We will keep you informed of our progress in these negotiations. If you would like to discuss this matter further, please contact me or have your staff contact Edwin K. Swanson of the Division's Ambient Water and Waste Section at (602)257-2360.

Sincerely,

*Chuck Anders*

Charles Anders, Assistant Director  
for Environmental Health Services

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